ust, 1989 permitted the company to sell the products in question viz. Dexamethasone 21 Phosphate Injection at their current rates.

(c) and (d) The counter affidavit on the writ petition has been filed and affirmed on 14.2.1992. The hearing is yet to commence in this case. The Government is pursuing vigorously through their legal channels to expedite the case and case will be defended in the best public interest in accordance with the advice of the Government's legal experts.

Prices of formulations of M|s. Merind

4583. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that prices of formulations M|s. Merind are based on Amitryptylline price of Rs. 13260 per Kg. as per Form 2-A details submitted to Government;

(b) whether it is a fact that the actual import price is only Rs. 1154 per Kg. landed cost as per the exports made by M/s. Torrent Exports on 11th May, 1992;

(c) if so, what steps have been taken to investigate the matter;

(d) wha is the price on which Cyproheptadine formulation prices of this company are based at present and since when;

(e) whether it is a fact that such instances lead to transfer of resources to their principals abroad; and

(f) what steps have been taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Amitryptyline is a price controlled bulk drug with effect from 27.2.1990. M|s. Merind manufacture and market tablets based on this bulk drug under the brand name 'Tryptomer'. The price of the formulation as approved by the Government in March, 1990 is based on landed price of bulk drug at Rs. 2115.57 Kg.

(b) Exports made by a company and related details are not monitored. As per DGHS imports statistics, the average landed price of this bulk drug, the weighted average landed 3850|- per Kg.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The position is being ascertained.

(e) and (f) In pricing of scheduled formulation based on imported bulk drug, the weighted average landed price and not the individual company's import price is taken into consideration.

Landed cost of import of Cimetidine

4584. SHRIMATI KAILASHPATI:

SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that landed cost of import of Cimetidine does not exceed Rs. 2500 per Kg. on the basis of daily list of imports;

(b) whether it is a fact that formulation prices have been based on the landed cost of import of Rs. 350 per Kg. and M|s. Cadila and M|s. Ekef are overinvoicing the imports;

(c) whether it is a fact that consumer is being overcharged for the last three years; and

(d) what steps have been taken to rectify the position?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) The weighted average landed price of Cimetidine, based on DGHS import data for the year 1990, 91, works out to Rs. 2861.58 per Kg.

(b) M/s. Eskayef are marketing formulations based on bulk drug Cimetidine under brand name 'Tagamed'. The prices of these formulations, as approved in April '89 are based on landed price of bulk drug at Rs. 1363.16 per Kg. These prices have not been revised by the Government since then. As regards M|s. Cadila, as per available information, this company is marketing Cimetidine based formulations under generic name.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Use of large quantity of Dexamethasone

4585. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that M|s. Cadila and M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha also use large quantities of Dexamethasone;

(b) if so, what was the bulk drug price on which their formulation prices were based as on 31st March, 1979 and when and what was the price of the bulk drug notified by Government;

(c) whether any amounts are due towards these companies;

(d) whether Government have issued any notice to them;

(e) if so, when and what are the details thereof;

(f) whether it is a fact that Ministry had not made any assessment of liabilities in their favour; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN: (a) M|s. Cadila is captively consuming the bulk drug Dexamethasone for its formulations, whereas M|s. Tamilnadu Dadha is purchasing the bulk drug for its formulations.

(b) The prices of formulations based on bulk drug Dexamethasone as on 31st March, 1979 were based on the declared price of Dexamethasone Pune and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate under DPCO, 1970 which were Rs. 89.92 and Rs. 195.37 per gm. for Dexamethasone Pure and Dexamethasone 21-Phosphate respectively.

(c) to (g) Till date no amount has been assessed against both the companies. Both the companies have been requested to submit the required data to assess the tentative liability against them on this account, if any. After getting the required data further necessary action would be taken.

Fixation of prices of Dipyridamol

4586. SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the price of Dipyridamol has not been fixed by Government although its production has been started by M|s. German Remedies;

(b) on what price of Dipyridamol are the formulation prices based at present and since when;

(c) wheher it is a fact that all alongwith M|s. German Remedies were over-invoicing the imports;

(d) if so, what action taken thereon;

(e) whether Government have taken any steps to bring down the price of its formulations; and